



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
2 NAVY ANNEX  
WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

TRG  
Docket No: 4224-01  
5 December 2001

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]:

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of Title 10 of the United States Code, section 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 4 December 2001. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies. In addition, the Board considered the advisory opinion furnished by Headquarters Marine Corps, a copy of which is enclosed.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice. In this connection the Board substantially concurred with the comments contained in the advisory opinion.

Accordingly, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence or other matter not previously considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

W. DEAN PFEIFFER  
Executive Director

Enclosure



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS  
3280 RUSSELL ROAD  
QUANTICO, VIRGINIA 22134-5103

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF  
NAVAL RECORDS (BCNR)

Subj: REQUEST FOR ADVISORY OPINION(S) IN THE CASE OF [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] FORMER MARINE

Encl: (1) Copy of MMMA memo of 17 Sep 01

1. We have responded to OLAC regarding an inquiry from Senator  
[REDACTED], a copy of our reply is forwarded as the enclosure.

2. A point of contact at MMMA is [REDACTED] @ 784-9210.

[REDACTED]

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PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT DIVISION COMMENT on OLAC r/s of 23 Aug 01

Subj: SENATOR PHIL GRAMM WRITES CONCERNING MR. [REDACTED]  
FORMER MARINE

1. We have reviewed the following route sheet, and the following comments are provided.
2. During the period he served in the Marine Corps, the Purple Heart was authorized for award to those who were wounded or injured as a direct result of action by an enemy of the United States or an opposing armed force of a foreign country in which the Armed Forces of the United States was engaged.
3. Regrettably, a review of his service and medical records, and the records at this Headquarters failed to reveal any evidence that the enemy ever wounded him in action. The only information from the medical records shows that he was treated for Varicocele, Left on 5 February 1946; Diaphragmatic Pleurisy on 12 February 1946; Varicocele, Left on 12 March 1946; and Pes Planus on 6 March 1946.
4. Since there is no indication in the records that he was injured under conditions, which would qualify him for the Purple Heart award, regulations require that he obtain eyewitness statements. The eyewitness statements can be from the medical personnel who treated him in the field or two other personnel who were present at the time he was injured. Statements should contain the time, place, medical attention received, and verification that the injury was a direct result of enemy action. If he can provide the above information, further consideration will be given to his request.
5. Undoubtedly there are many cases of Marines who sustained injuries in combat, which might qualify them for the Purple Heart. I realize that it will be difficult to obtain eyewitness statements due to the length of time that has elapsed. This Headquarters is keenly aware of the fact that there are undoubtedly many cases of Marines who sustained injuries, which might qualify them for the Purple Heart. In those cases, which cannot be so verified the eyewitness statements are required.

6. This Headquarters does not maintain a listing of former Marines and their addresses. However, he may obtain a listing of the officers and enlisted Marines who were assigned to his former unit by requesting copies of the unit rosters for the period in question from the following address:

Director  
History and Museum Division  
901 M Street, SE.  
Washington Navy Yard, Building 58  
Washington, DC 20374-0580

7. Should he be able to obtain the names of former Marines that were eyewitness to his injury, he may request assistance in locating them from the below listed organization:

Mail Call Editor  
Leatherneck Magazine  
P.O. Box 1977  
Quantico, VA 22134  
Telephone: 1-800-336-0291  
E-Mail: leatherneck@mca-marines.org

8. I regret that a more favorable reply is not possible and I realize that the decision is not what he expected. In no way does it diminish his contributions to this Country and Corps.

S.A. MACKEY  
by direction